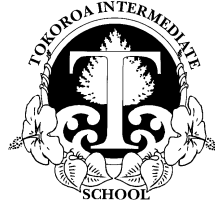


TOKOROA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Greetings

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This is our final newsletter for 2008. School will finish at approximately 12.15 pm next Wednesday, 17th December. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The 2009 school year will start on Monday, 2nd February at 8.50 am. It is very important that all students start on this day. Stationery lists are given out, class and school rules are set in place as are expectations.

Phil Straw, Principal

PRIZE GIVING

The annual Prize Giving will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 1.00 pm. As it is a long programme we are conscious of a number of issues:

- Elderly people may like to bring a thin, soft cushion to ensure greater comfort.
- The Prize Giving is not suitable for babies or young children. Could you please make other arrangements for them.
- As we are often short of room could High School students please wait outside the hall until all adults and Tokoroa Intermediate pupils are seated.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Students will receive their school reports immediately after Prize Giving.

STAFFING 2009

This year we farewell a number of members of staff. Mrs Littlejohn and Mrs Sheck both leave us to take up new positions in teaching. We wish them both well and thank them for their work with our students.

Miss Ferguson will be away all of 2009 travelling overseas. We wish her well and look forward to her return.

At this point we will have seven Year 7 classes and seven Year 8 classes for 2009.

MATHZWISE

Maths tutoring for all ages. Very popular, successful programme. Get in quick and book your child in for next year. Places are limited. Phone Kathy Redwood 886 0965.

SCHOOL STATIONERY 2009

The school will sell stationery at extremely competitive prices when school starts next year. All profits from the sale of stationery go back to the school, which benefits the students. Stationery lists will be given out on the first day of the school year.

NEW FENCE AND OUR DRIVEWAY

As visitors to the school can see the High School has a new fence in place to protect its property. This fence will have a major affect on us as we share the site with them.

At this point we are unsure when the gates will be in operation, but wish to assure parents that they will be open during the school day.

One safety issue is cars parking on the footpath on the Intermediate side of the drive. Please do not park on this side as it creates a safety hazard for pedestrians and cyclists coming to and from school.

UNIFORMS – To be donated or sold on behalf of



In January we have a second hand uniform sale, which is always very popular. For Year 8 students who are leaving at the end of this year and have no brothers or sisters coming on to Intermediate, school uniforms can be donated to the school or we will sell them on 'behalf of parents'. We are willing to take winter and spare uniforms now. They must be clean (washed). Year 8 students who are willing to donate or have their uniforms 'sold on behalf' can come to school on the last day of the year in mufti. For inquiries please contact the office.

Dates for the second hand uniform sales (to be held in the Cooking Room) are:

Thursday, 22nd January 10.30 am – 1.30 pm

Tuesday, 27th January 11.30 am – 12.30 pm

ATTENDANCE

As we come to the end of 2008 I need to remind parents that attendance is still important and that if your child is sick and unable to attend school, we still require you to phone the school to ensure we record the reason for your child's absence. Thank you for your assistance with this.

SHORT DAYS

If the lunchtime is shortened by half an hour because of wet weather, school will finish at 2:40pm. If parents want to know whether or not we are finishing early, please phone 886 0804 after 12:15p.m.



Every Friday morning two students (usually class councillors) go to Radio Raukawa to speak on air about events occurring at our school.

To hear a roundup of what's happening at Tokoroa Intermediate School tune into 95.7 FM on Friday mornings between 7.30 and 7.45 am.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES

It is important that we have our student records up to date, especially phone numbers and emergency phone numbers in case of sickness or injury. If you change your address or phone number, please let us know by either phoning the school office or giving your child a note to bring to school.

FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

Glue Ear assessment, grommet checks, wax/foreign body removal, treatment of discharging ears. The service is to operate as an appointment based service from the Outpatient Department at Tokoroa Hospital on the following dates: 13th November, 27th November and 11th December. For an appointment please phone 07 886 7239.

BEST AND MOST IMPROVED BOOKS

Each Thursday the school council looks through books from each class (a different subject each week). They select a best book and a most improved book from each year level to be announced at Friday's assembly.



If a child receives three of these awards they receive a principal's certificate and a \$10 Paper Plus voucher.

RADIO RAUKAWA